

REMARKS

This paper is pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

Claims 1 and 40 have been amended to remove the limitation "... includes fibrous reinforcing material and, ..." which had been added in the Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 filed October 24, 2006. Those claims 1 and 40 are otherwise identical to the allowed claims 1 and 40 in the parent case, pursuant to the Notice of Allowance dated June 12, 2007.

It is submitted that with the amendment to claims 1 and 40, those claims remain patentably distinct over the prior art. In that these claims 1 and 40 are generic, then all claims 2-39 and 41-47 respectively dependent thereon are also proper claims.

It is submitted that all claims 1-47 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons set forth above, there is no proper basis for rejection of independent claims 1 and 40, or all claims depending therefrom, including the previously withdrawn claims. All claims 1-47 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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